

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday **April 17th 2023** at 7pm at Badgworth and Biddisham Parish Hall, Biddisham.

Present

Cllrs Body (Chairman), Beynon, Hipwell, Shaw, Vining and White. Also in attendance were County Cllrs Filmer and Grimes and the Parish Clerk. There were 7 members of the public present.

Open Forum The proposal for a speed reduction scheme in Badgworth was discussed including the following matters: the Annual Parish Meeting; the survey; types of road user; street lighting, pavements and safety; enforcement; the process; 20 mph limits and funding by the Parish, a figure of about £15,000 was suggested; 30 mph limits, funding by Somerset Council, the limiting effect of the road and ability to enforce, gateway and repeater signage, speed checks as part of any survey to create a scheme, schemes in adjacent villages.

040/23 Apologies: Cllr Bowley, work commitment.

Resolution: The apology was approved.

041/23 Declarations of Interest None.

042/23 Dispensations None

043/23 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday **February 20th 2023**. Copies having been circulated, the Minutes were taken as read and unanimously approved as a true record.

044/23 County Council report: The following matters were discussed: the new Unitary Council and the management structures now in place; the new computer system is live; the budget and the current overspend; Covid boosters available for vulnerable residents; a loan scheme is being developed to help people leave hospital; greater proportion of rates staying in the County.

045/23 Request for Dog Bins in Badgworth Matters discussed included the number of poo bags thrown in hedges, the cost to the Parish including the ongoing costs, possible locations. Cllr Hipwell is to investigate possible locations. Cllr Beynon is to investigate funding opportunities. The request will be reconsidered at the next meeting.

046/23 The Insurance Policy is in the third year of a 3-year contract, with an option to extend for a further 2 years. The premium had not increased.

Resolution: To accept the renewal quote. Unanimous.

047/23 Highways matters: The proposal for a 30-mph scheme in Badgworth.

Further to the discussion in the open forum, members discussed the survey results and the vote, the cost of a 20-mph scheme, speed boxes, and safety.

Resolution: To request a 30-mph scheme for Badgworth. Unanimously agreed.

County Cllrs Filmer and Grimes left the meeting.

048/23 Jubilee Field and Memorial Field A quote for **repainting the goals posts** was discussed. It was noted that the posts had been examined and were sound but needed surface treatment.

Resolution: to add a sum to the budget for 2024 2025 and repaint next year

049/23 Crime report and policing update: No matters were reported. Crime figures in the Parish were updated.

050/23 Planning: Enforcement matters were updated. **The Planning report** was

reviewed. A new application was noted: 03/23/00002 Turnpike Cottage, Badgworth, Erection of detached double garage on site of existing with first floor living accommodation, with alterations to existing entrance gate and erection of bin store.

051/23 All correspondence was brought to the attention of the Council.

052/23 Finance:

- i. The end of year **financial statements**, having been previously circulated, was approved as a true record. Unanimously agreed. The bank reconciliation was confirmed by Cllr Shaw.
- ii. **The Payments Schedule** was unanimously approved:
 - i7 H Marshall Clerks Expenses (Phone) £33.00
 - i6 Zurich Municipal Insurance Premium £264.00
 - i3 Badgworth & Biddisham Parish Hall Room Hire £90.00
 - i2 Sedgemoor District Council Jubilee Field Lease £25.00
 - i1 Jon Sealey & Sons Ltd Jubilee Field Fencing £888.00
- iii. **Addendum to Clerks Conditions of Employment, holiday entitlement:**
Resolution: The amendment to the Clerks hours of 9.195 per week to include holiday entitlement and to update the annual leave entitlement in accordance with the prevailing NJC agreement was approved.
- iv. **Grant requests.** It was discussed that grant requests from outside the Parish would be considered towards the end of the financial year. The request from the Friends of St John the Baptist Church was discussed.
Resolution: To award the Friends of St John the Baptist Church £100 towards the maintenance of the churchyard for the Parish. Unanimously approved.

053/23 Member's Points of Information: Cllr Body informed members that he would like to stand as Chair for the forthcoming year. Members proposed writing to King Charles III to wish him well for the Coronation.

054/23 Items for the Parish Magazine/social media No matters were raised.

055/23 Date of next Meeting: Annual Parish Council Meeting 15th May 2023
Badgworth and Biddisham Hall

Meeting Closed at 8.35pm

Signed

(Meeting Chairman)

Date 15.5.23